# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

### OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 20-0699V UNPUBLISHED

KILEY LOGAN,

Petitioner.

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: January 27, 2022

Special Processing Unit (SPU); Damages Decision on Proffer; Concession; Table Injury; Influenza (Flu); Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration (SIRVA).

Zachary Hermsen, Whitfield & Eddy Law, Des Moines, IA, for Petitioner.

Lauren Kells, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

### **DECISION ON DAMAGES**<sup>1</sup>

On June 9, 2020, Kiley Logan filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*<sup>2</sup> (the "Vaccine Act"). Petitioner alleged that she suffered a right shoulder injury related to vaccine administration ("SIRVA") as a result of the influenza ("flu") vaccine administered on November 7, 2019. Petition at 1-2. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On October 8, 2021, I issued a ruling that Petitioner was entitled to compensation for her SIRVA. On January 27, 2022, Respondent filed the attached proffer on an award of compensation, to which Petitioner agrees. Based on the record as a whole, I find that Petitioner is entitled to an award as stated in the Proffer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Because this unpublished opinion contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). **This means the opinion will be available to anyone with access to the internet.** In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), Petitioners have 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within this definition, I will redact such material from public access.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all section references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, I award Petitioner a lump sum payment of \$58,933.07 (representing \$57,500.00 for pain and suffering and \$1,433.07 for past unreimbursable expenses). This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under Section 15(a).

The Clerk of Court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.<sup>3</sup>

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Brian H. Corcoran Brian H. Corcoran Chief Special Master

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.

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KILEY LOGAN,	)
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Petitioner,	)
	) No. 20-699V
v.	) Chief Special Master Corcora
	) ECF
SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN	)
SERVICES,	)
Respondent.	)
	)

#### RESPONDENT'S PROFFER ON AWARD OF COMPENSATION

On June 9, 2020, Kiley Logan ("petitioner") filed a petition for compensation under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 ("Vaccine Act" or "Act"), alleging that she suffered a Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration ("SIRVA"), as defined in the Vaccine Injury Table, following administration of an influenza vaccine she received on November 7, 2019. Petition at 1-2. On October 7, 2021, the Secretary of Health and Human Services ("respondent") filed a Rule 4(c) Report indicating that this case is appropriate for compensation under the terms of the Act for a SIRVA Table injury, and on October 8, 2021, the Chief Special Master issued a Ruling on Entitlement finding petitioner entitled to compensation. ECF No. 38; ECF No. 39.

#### I. Items of Compensation

#### A. Pain and Suffering

Respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded \$57,500.00 in pain and suffering. See 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a)(4). Petitioner agrees.

#### B. <u>Past Unreimbursable Expenses</u>

Evidence supplied by petitioner documents that she incurred past unreimbursable expenses related to her vaccine-related injury. Respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded past unreimbursable expenses in the amount of \$1,433.07. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a)(1)(B). Petitioner agrees.

These amounts represent all elements of compensation to which petitioner is entitled under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a). Petitioner agrees.

#### II. Form of the Award

Petitioner is a competent adult. Evidence of guardianship is not required in this case.

Respondent recommends that the compensation provided to petitioner should be made through a lump sum payment as described below and requests that the Chief Special Master's decision and the Court's judgment award the following<sup>1</sup>: a lump sum payment of \$58,933.07, in the form of a check payable to petitioner.

#### III. Summary of Recommended Payments Following Judgment

Lump sum payable to petitioner, Kiley Logan:

\$58,933.07

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Should petitioner die prior to entry of judgment, the parties reserve the right to move the Court for appropriate relief. In particular, respondent would oppose any award for future lost earnings and future pain and suffering.

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